NE 515 - Final Exam

All problems will have the following characteristics unless otherwise stated.

- a. 1-D slab geometry.
- b. Slab thickness = 25 cm.
- c. Spatial zoning = 100 uniform cells.
- d. Constant isotropic distributed source $(Q_0 p/(cm^3 sec))$.
- e. Incident flux at right boundary $(2\pi \int_{-1}^{0} f(\mu) \mu d\mu = 1)$.
- f. Vacuum condition at left boundary.
- 1. Using diffusion theory, diffusion theory with FSDS, and S_{16} theory with Lobatto quadrature, calculate the scalar flux for the model problem with a plane-wave boundary flux, no distributed source, $\sigma_t = 1.0 \ cm^{-1}$, and $\sigma_a = 0.0 \ cm^{-1}$. Plot the scalar flux solutions as a function of space and explain the results. (All three plots should be placed in one figure.)
- 2. Same as Problem 1, except that the boundary flux is isotropic, Gauss quadrature is used in the S_{16} calculation, and the boundary condition at the left face is reflective.

- 3. Using diffusion theory and S_{16} theory with Gauss quadrature, calculate the scalar flux for the model problem with a unit distributed source $(Q_0 = 1 \ p/(cm^3 sec))$, a vacuum boundary condition at the right face, $\sigma_t = 0.1 \ cm^{-1}$ and $\sigma_a = 0.05 \ cm^{-1}$. Then repeat the calculation with $Q_0 = 0.1$, $\sigma_t = 1.0$, and $\sigma_a = 0.005$. Finally, repeat the calculation with $Q_0 = 0.01$, $\sigma_t = 10.0$, and $\sigma_a = 0.0005$. Plot the solutions and explain the results. (All three plots should be placed in one figure.)
- 4. Using S₁₆ theory with Gauss quadrature, calculate the scalar flux for the model problem with a unit isotropic distributed source $(Q_0 = 1 \ p/(cm^3 sec))$, a vacuum condition at the right boundary, and $\sigma_t = \sigma_s = 1.0 \ cm^{-1}$. Then repeat the calculation with $\sigma_t = \sigma_s = 1.5 \ cm^{-1}$, and $\sigma_1 = 0.5 \ cm^{-1}$. Finally, repeat the calculation with $\sigma_t = \sigma_s = 1.5 \ cm^{-1}$ and $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \ldots = \sigma_{15} = 0.5 \ cm^{-1}$. Plot the scalar flux solutions and explain the results. (All three plots should be placed in one figure.)
- * The positive cosines and weights follow for an S₁₆ Lobatto quadrature set. These weights sum to one on the half-range rather than one-half, but the code normalizes the weight to sum to unity over the full range.

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